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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously Presented) A method for attaching a flexible cord handle to a bag comprising the steps of:

forming at least one aperture through a bag wall;

passing an end of a cord, having an aglet thereon, through the at least one aperture in the bag wall;

providing at least one obstruction member with at least one cord receiving cavity therein adapted to received the aglet of at least one cord;

inserting the aglet into the cord receiving cavity of the obstruction member so that the aglet is located at least partially within the cavity; and

bonding the aglet to the obstruction member.

2. (Previously Presented) A method for attaching a flexible cord handle to a bag comprising the steps of:

forming at least one aperture through a bag wall;

passing an end of a cord, having an aglet thereon, through the at least one aperture without substantially deforming said aglet; and

shaping the aglet to form an obstruction member which cannot pass though the aperture.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously Presented) A method for attaching a flexible cord handle to a bag including the steps of:

forming at least one aperture through a bag wall;

passing an end of a cord having an aglet thereon through said at least one aperture, said aglet comprising detent or barb means biased outwardly thereof which are movable inwardly as the aglet is passed through the aperture and which detent or barb means return to a position outwardly of the aglet to provide a stop against the bag wall preventing removal of the aglet from the aperture in the reverse direction to its passing through the aperture.

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8. (Previously Presented) A method for attaching a flexible cord handle to a bag including the steps of:

forming at least one aperture through a bag wall;

passing an end of a cord having an aglet thereon, through said at least one aperture, said aglet comprising detent or barb means outwardly thereof;

providing at least one obstruction member with at least one aglet receiving cavity therein adapted to receive the aglet of at least one cord, the obstruction member being sized to be unable to pass through the aperture;

inserting the aglet into the aglet receiving cavity so that the detent or barb means are positioned to retain the obstruction member against removal from the aglet.

9. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 7 wherein a disc or washer is fitted between the detent or barb means and the bag wall.

10. (Previously Presented) An aglet for fitment to a cord handle and adapted to fix the cord handle to an aperture in a bag wall, said aglet including a longitudinal body part formed with outwardly biased barbs of detent means adapted to retract inwardly as the body part is moved through an aperture during which the barb or detent means contact the perimeter of the aperture.

11. (Previously Presented) An aglet as claimed in claim 10 which includes an integrally formed stopping surface spaced from the barb or detent means to abut the bag wall at the opposite side of the aperture to that of the barb or detent means when in situ.

12. Cancelled.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Previously Presented) An obstruction member for attaching a cord handle to a bag or other receptacle, wherein the obstruction member defines a cord receiving cavity adapted to engage an agleted cord and wherein the obstruction member can be sized so as to become large enough to be unable to pass through an aperture in the bag and wherein the obstruction member is made of a material suitable for bonding to the aglet of the cord.

16. (Previously Presented) A cord assembly adapted to form the handle of a bag, the assembly comprising:

a cord having a first end;

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an aglet formed at a first end of the cord; and

an obstruction member adapted to engage with the first end of the cord and a side wall of the bag so as to retain the cord to the side wall of the bag, wherein the aglet is adapted to be coupled to the obstruction member so as to inhibit subsequent removal of the aglet from the obstruction member following insertion of the aglet into the obstruction member to thereby secure the cord assembly to the side wall of the bag.

17. (Previously Presented) The assembly of Claim 16, wherein the aglet is adapted to be affixed to the obstruction member.

18. (Previously Presented) The assembly of Claim 17, wherein the aglet is made from a material that permits bonding of the aglet to the obstruction member through the application of heat.

19. (Previously Presented) the assembly of Claim 16, wherein the aglet is adapted to be deformed to inhibit removal of the aglet form the obstruction member.

20. (Previously Presented) the assembly of Claim 19, wherein the obstruction member defines an aperture that the aglet is positioned therein and wherein the aglet is deformed to permit removal from the aperture of the obstruction member.

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Cancelled)